March 7, 2004

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mon., March 8, 2004
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Mass – No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
7:00 pm – Lay Ministry Formation meets

Tues., March 9, 2004
Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Mass -No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00pm
7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meets
7:00 pm - Women's Survey
7:00– 8:30 pm – Boy Scouts meet

Wed., March 10, 2004
Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Mass – 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours – Closed
9:00 – 12:00 - Food Pantry
6:00 pm – Youth Meal
7:00 pm – Youth Formation Classes

Thurs., March 11, 2004
Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Mass -7:00 a.m.
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Girl Scouts meet

Fri., March 12, 2004
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sat., March 13, 2004
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (Daily Reading)
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9
9:00 - 11:00 am - Share Registration
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
10:00 - 2:30 pm - Woman's Day of Recollection
4:00 - 4:30 - Reconciliation
Mass - 5:00 p.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Family Choir
Euch. Min.: Body: Cathy Wang
Blood: John Wang, Betsy VanAsma, Wayne Roe, Barb Scherr
Lector: Pat Roe, Doris Hume
Servers: David Strand, Katie Strand, Stephanie Strand
Usher: Diane/Joe Norman
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Christina Schweigerdt (all 3 Masses)
Sacristan: John/Cathy Wang

Sun., March 14, 2004
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9
Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Regina's Minstrels
Euch. Min.: Body: Brenda Jacobs
Blood: Barb/Gary Erickson, Cecilia Keller, Judy Wilson
Lector: Larry/Joyce Williamson
Servers: Courtney & Cody Cassen, Joey Olson
Usher: Stan Barber, Marc Jacobs
Gift Bearers: **Please Volunteer**
Sacristan: Barb/Gary Erickson
9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts
9:15 am – No Youth Formation Class
Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Folk Group
Euch. Min.: Body: Jan Schurman
Blood: Kevin Rohrbach, Lorinda Collings, Brad Blauvelt, Scott Silbernagel
Lector: Tom Collings, Mary Blauvelt
Servers: Austin Evans, Taylor & Tyler Rohrbach
Usher: Jim Hoag, Rob Varilek
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan: Brad/Mary Blauvelt
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
Followed by Evening Prayer
7:00-Confirmation

Intentions:
Wed., March 10 – 5:45 pm- For healing of sexually Abused
Thurs., March 11 – 7:00am - Repose of Jerry Spawn
Friday, March 12 - 5:45 pm- Repose of Grace Trimble

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Luke 6:27-38)

Sundays During Lent:
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration followed by Evening Prayer

SPARKS FROM MARK:

The last several weeks during our liturgies we have been focusing on that of time and talent as a people who are called to be Christian stewards. In the coming weeks we will also hear that stewardship also involves that of our treasure, for building up the Kingdom of God.

The Bishop's in their document "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response says that "As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord." This is a great definition of what it means to be a Christian Steward, one that really gets to heart of who we are as God's people, the gift of our selves self to others.

Last weekend at OLBH, we had our first retreat on the Call of the Christian Steward, and we are planning to have annual retreat on the Stewardship on the weekend of Lent. Fr. George Winzenburg, S.J. led us in our retreat. We started off with the Stations of the Cross and Fr. George said he knew no better way to begin a retreat than praying the Stations of the Cross, a prayer of giving our lives away, like that of Christ.

As I think about my own call as a Christian Steward, especially in the light the Bishop's definition, it really becomes a tall order for us. I know in my own life some weeks are better than others, as I struggle to be faithful to my calling as a Christian Steward.

I was thankful to Fr. George for the prayer he gave us entitled "The Living Spirit" by the Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. It reminded me to trust in the slow work of God, that I am a work in process and that God is not done with me yet. Thank God, for that. The Living Spirit

The Living Spirit

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are, quite naturally, impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow; let them shape themselves, without undue hast. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time… will make you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming in you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

ARE YOU IN CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES OR ARE YOUR FINANCES CONTROLLING YOU?

We are considering offering the Crown group study beginning in Lent this year. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mark at 787-5168.

The cost for this study is $55.00 per couple or $45.00 per individual which is the cost of the materials. The study is very practical. Each time you learn a principle, you will apply what you have learned. For example, you will complete a debt repayment schedule and start a budget. Those participating in the adult study receive a Study Manual, the Practical Application Workbook and a copy of "Your Money Counts". Groups are kept small to assure time for sharing and accountability. Classes meet once a week for two hours each session.

If you are interested in learning sound principles that will help you in your relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider this study. **We need the interest of 10 people or more in order to do this study, so far we have two signed up.**

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Trish Kostel - improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Eric Denekamp - improved health

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary!

Chuck & Peggy Volin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on March 5th.

Parish Activities

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.
Stewardship Committee: Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Liturgy Committee: Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Pastoral Council: Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Men's Club: Meets every Saturday from 8-9:30 am.

STEWARDSHIP
February 21 - 22, 2004
General Collections

*Loose-	$958.65
*Envelopes-	$4629.00
Votive -	$13.63
*Student -	$44.50
Adopt a Seminarian	$15.00
Other	$120.37
	$5781.15

* Amounts figured into the contribution income for the chart below.

2004-2005 Actual and Budgeted Income

Last weekend $5632.15	Weekly Budgeted $4,100.00
Year to date actual $138,887.68	Year to date budgeted $149,600.00

Catholic Social Services would like to thank you for your Lenten Sacrifices. Collections from Ash Wednesday were $405.90.

February Website Statistics

- 1629 visit's generated 12337 hits
- Most visited page - the home page, followed by view (283 hits), bulletin (259), Lent activities (140), stations (125), and links (100)

Diocesan News:

Right to Life Oratory and Essay Contest: March 27, 2004. Please view the information and rules at www.rapidcitydiocese.org/What's New page or watch the bulletin board in the narthex.

Marriage Encounter Weekend
These weekends are a time for married couples to examine their lives together. You will learn effective ways to dialogue, and have opportunities to share feelings, fears, hopes and joys. The next scheduled weekend is March 26-28 in Hill City, SD. We would encourage all couples interested in attending to register early. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 19, 2004. For information, contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret, 605-362-9145 or to register contact Noel & Mary Lais, 605-334-0485 or www.wwme.org

The Support group for Separated and Divorced is for all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. It will be held on Thursday evenings March 18-May 20, 2004 at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. Sessions begin at 7:00pm and run for 9 weeks. Fee $140 Pre-registration is requested. For information or to register please call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

The American Bishop's Overseas Aid Collection will be taken up in the parishes and missions of the diocese, the weekend of March 13-14. The American Bishops' Overseas Appeal - established 60 years ago as the Bishops' Welfare Emergency Relief Fund-supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.

Seeking Cathedral Business Manager
We are seeking a Full Charge, Double Entry Bookkeeper with knowledge of Facility Maintenance, Office Management and Human Resources. Prefer a degree in Accounting or 2 years work experience. Appropriate knowledge of the nature and working of the Catholic Church a must. Must have the ability to use Microsoft Excel/Word and the ability to work with others as a team. To apply, please submit your resume to Diana Calvetti-Streleck, 520 Cathedral Dr. Rapid City, SD 57701, or email to diana@cathedralolph.org

1st Communion Parents
Dates to remember:

Sun., Mar. 14 - 1:30pm
1st Communion student & parent meeting

Thurs., April. 22 7:00pm
Reconciliation Service

Youth Formation Happenings:

Check out the website at http://olbh.org. Click on Newsletter What's Up.

Do you have an older child who has not had the sacraments of Baptism and/or First Communion? We may be starting a class to help these children prepare for these sacraments. Call Brenda at 787-5168.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
New Catholic Family Registration
Preschool and Grades K-8

St. Elizabeth Seton School Registration in the Seton office March 8, 5:00-6:00 pm for ***NEW*** Catholic Students

For additional information, please contact the school office at 348-1477

"Lift up Your Heart"
In response to requests for Sister Kris Harpenau to return to Rapid City, she will come and direct our Spring Retreat, "Lift up Your Heart," a Retreat based upon everybody's contemplative spiritual journey. The workshop will be held in the St. Martin Community Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m., March 19, 2004, and will end Sunday morning, March 21. Offering is $60.00, or $100.00 for two people. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional fee. Registration is necessary. (Sister Marmion Howe, 343-2688, or srmarmion@aol.com

Benedictine Experience: Mar 12-14, 2004 at St. Martin's Monastery. "As clay in the hands of the potter, so are you in Mine" – Inviting single women, 18-45 years old who desire Time to Listen and Reflect on God's will, who wants to know more about Benedictine life. See the bulletin board in the narthex for registration info.

Take A Child's Hand Today...Touch A Life Forever. The S.D. Department of Social Services will be holding training classes, at no cost, for prospective foster and adoptive parents beginning in March and again in April. For more information, please contact Tanya Fritz at 343-2598

"The Passion" Movie Discussion
Please join us for a discussion of "The Passion" Friday evening April 2, following Stations of The Cross and Palm Sunday April 4, after 8am Mass.

2004 Youth Congress
Seeking High School students interested in participating in the 2004 Youth Congress. The round Table Format used by the participants focuses on deliberation and learning how to come to consensus about different issues. We are asking for assistance in recruiting 35-40 South Dakota students in Grades 10 & 11 (to be juniors and seniors in 2004-05.). You may find more information at WWW.CHIESMAN.ORG or by calling 605-34104311. Information is located on the bulletin board in the Gathering area of OLBH.

For The Ride Home
Second Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2004

Scripture

- Look up at the stars and count the stars, if you can. (Genesis 15:5)
- "O Lord God," he asked, "How am I to know that I will possess it?" (Genesis 15:8)
- "To your descendents I give this land." (Genesis 15:18)
- He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enabled him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Philippians 3:21)
- Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (Luke 9:32)
- Then from the cloud the voice said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. (Luke 9:35)

Reflection

1.) What prevents or hinders you from accepting your spiritual inheritance?

2.) Can you count the stars? Can you count God's blessing or conceive the Lord's generosity in providing your faith?

3.) Have you ever had a mountaintop experience of God? Where is Jesus found after leaving the "mountaintop?"

4.) How is spiritual life kept fresh in the clutter or the ordinary of daily life?

Word before all time, by whom all time was made, born in time although you are eternal life, You call us who are bound by time and make us eternal. (St. Augustine)